Jan

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Te the Application of: Tetsuya IKUTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2814

Serial Number: 10/809,809

Examiner: Thao X. Le

Filed: March 26, 2004

Confirmation Number: 7816

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF

THE SAME

Attorney Docket Number: 042278

Customer Number: 38834

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 7, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated June 10, 2005.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I, Claims 1-8 and Group II, Claims 9-

20.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group II, Claims 9-20 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

Response to Restriction Requirement Serial No. 10/809,809 Attorney Docket No. 042278

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

١

Respectfully submitted,

WESTERMAN, HATTORI, DANIELS & ADRIAN, LLP

Stephen G. Attribu

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 32,878

Telephone: (202) 822-1100 Facsimile: (202) 822-1111

SGA/arf